Use of BSF aeroplanes by Ministers

2089. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether BSF planes are also being used by some Ministers for less important journeys; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to curb the practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) BSF planes have been used by some Ministers for duties of urgent nature.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in custodial deaths

2090. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be phased to state:

(a) whether there is any increase in the cases of deaths in police custody in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise, during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that Civil Rights Activists have suggested an amendment in the Evidence Act so that in case of custodial deaths it would be presumed that the police officers on duty are guilty of murder; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) 'Public Order', and 'Police', including 'Crimes' being State subject it is primarily for the State Governments to deal with cases of deaths in police custody. Information on this is not separately compiled and monitored by Central agencies.

(c) and (d) No such suggestion has been received in the recent past.

Political leaders detained in J&K

2091. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Political leaders who are in J&K jails alongwith their names, dates since when and law under which they were detained;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to release them; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has intimated that the following six prominent persons having affiliation to political organisations of Jammu and Kashmir have been detained under Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act, 1978:—

SI N	Name & Address	Detained with effect from	Party Affiliation	Remarks
1.	S/Shri. Abdul Gani Lone S/o Ghulam Ahmed Lone R/o Rawalpora Srinagar.	12/04/90	People's Conference	—
2.	Qazi Nissar Ahmed S/o Qazi Ghulam Ahmed R/Qazi Mohalla, Anantnag.	20/06/90	Uffate-e- Islami	"
3.	Mohd. Ashraf Khan @Sehrai S/o Shamsuddin R/o Takipora	03/08/90	Jamaat-e-Islami	-
4.	Sayeed Ali Shah Geelani S/o Sayeed Mirak Shah R/Dooru, Sopore.	21/08/91	Jamaat-e-Islami	Was also earlier detained on 12/4/90 which was subsequently revoked.